
Present and Proposed Wording
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COUNCIL ON VETERINARY SERVICE
1. Composition. The Council on Veterinary Service shall consist of ten voting members of the Association representing the following areas of veterinary medical activity:
   (i.) Private practice, exclusively small animal (two individuals);
   (ii.) Private practice, exclusively predominantly equine (one individual);
   (iii.) Private practice, exclusively predominantly food animal (one individual);
   (iv.) Private mixed practice, predominantly food animal or equine (two individuals);
   (v.) Academic clinical science (one individual);
   (vi.) At-large (two one individuals); and
   (vii.) Recent graduate or emerging leader (one two individuals).

2. Responsibility. The Council on Veterinary Service shall:
   (i.) Assemble and make available facts, data, opinions, information and recommendations to the veterinary profession with respect to timely and adequate rendition of the delivery of service to the veterinary profession and to the public;
   (ii.) Study and suggest means for the delivery of high-quality veterinary service to the public;
   (iii.) Investigate matters pertaining to the economic and social aspects of veterinary service; and
   (iv.) Advise and assist Collaborate with other entities organizations represented in within the AVMA House of Delegates on matters concerning veterinary service;
   (v.) Review policies assigned to the Council by AVMA leadership; and
   (vi.) Develop policies and materials pertinent to the delivery of veterinary services.

Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

Changes were made in the Composition section in several areas to be more inclusive and to reflect the changing demographics of AVMA membership. The term “predominantly” was used to recognize the current trend in many practice models. Many practices have changed from practicing in an exclusive species to a more predominant species model due to economic as well as other factors. The “predominant species” qualification was removed from the mixed practice position since many individuals in this category tend to work with a variety of species and may not be predominant in any of them. Emerging leader (5-15 years post-graduation) was added to the recent graduate position to enable a greater range of post-graduate years for a candidate to qualify and to allow a recent graduate (up to 5 years post-graduation) to qualify for a second term, which is difficult with two consecutive three-year terms. Having an additional spot for a recent graduate/emerging leader may encourage more nominations for individuals with this experience level.

The Responsibility section was updated to provide clarity for individuals who may be considering being nominated for this council.
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